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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR COOPER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (JOHN SHERMAN COOPER)

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR COOPER'S CONSULTATIONS

1. THIS MESSAGE REFERS TO OUR CONVERSATION IN LONDON AND YOUR SUGGESTION THAT I RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR A BRIEF PERIOD OF CONSULTATIONS AND PARTICULARLY FOR MEETINGS AS APPROPRIATE, WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

2. AS IT IS ALWAYS DIFFICULT TO SELECT A GOOD TIME TO SECURE APPOINTMENTS, PARTICULARLY AT THE TIME OF THE LINCOLN, JACKSON AND JEFFERSON DAY EVENTS, I SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

3. (A) I BELIEVE AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR MY RETURN WOULD BE SATURDAY, JANUARY 31. THIS WOULD PROVIDE A WEEK FOR MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS BEFORE LINCOLN DAY DINNERS. I ALSO NOTED FROM THE USIA WIRELESS FILE OF JANUARY 14 THAT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN SESSION, WHICH PROVIDES EVIDENCE THAT MEMBERS WILL BE IN WASHINGTON.

4. (B) AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU AND SUCH OFFICERS AS YOU DESIGNATE, I PROPOSE TO CALL ON SENATE AND HOUSE LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS, HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, ARMED

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FORCES COMMITTEES, APPROPRIATION SUB-COMMITTEES, THE

SENATE COMMITTEES ON WHICH I SERVED AT VARIOUS TIMES
TALKING TO THOSE MEMBERS WITH WHOM I WAS ASSOCIATED.

5. (C) I BELIEVE ALSO THAT I COULD ARRANGE TO BE
INVITED TO MEET WITH GROUPS OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEES,
AND PERHAPS ALSO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
APPROPRIATIONS, FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS. THERE ARE,
OF COURSE OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WITH WHOM I HAVE
BEEN ASSOCIATED, AND TO WHO I COULD TALK.

6. ON ALL OF THESE SUGGESTIONS THE ADVICE OF
ASSISTANT SECRETARY MCCLOSKEY AND OTHERS WOULD BE
HELPFUL. AS APPOINTMENTS ARE DIFFICULT AND TIME IS OF
THE ESSENCE, I WOULD NEED SOME OFFICE SPACE AND A
SECRETARY TO ASSIST WITH SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS. IF
A CAR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO GET TO THE CAPITOL, I
PROPOSE TO HIRE A CAR AT MY EXPENSE.

7. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEND PART OF THE SECOND WEEK,
BEGINNING AROUND FEBRUARY 8 OR 9 AT MY HOME IN
KENTUCKY FOR FAMILY AND BUSINESS MATTERS.

8. I HAVE NOT COMMUNICATED WITH ANYONE ON THIS
SUBJECT.

9. KINDEST REGARDS AND PLEASE ADVISE.COOPER

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